



West Virginia Senate

Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for FEBRUARY 19, 2021, 1:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 19, 2021, 1:30 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Trump, Weld, Azinger, Grady, Karnes, Maynard, Phillips, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Woodrum, Caputo, Lindsay, Romano

Members absent: Senators Takubo, Beach, Woelfel

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Weld, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

S. B. 53 - Providing next of kin criminally responsible for relative's death may not be involved in burial arrangements.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Originating Bill #1 – Limiting nuisance claims relating to the use of fixed sirens for fire protection or emergency medical services.

Laura Goins, Counsel, explained the originating bill and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the originating bill.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the originating bill to the full Senate with the recommendation it do pass.

S. B. 29 - Authorizing fee payment and expense reimbursement for attorneys participating on court teams established by Supreme Court of Appeals.

Laura Goins, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Dana Eddy, Executive Director, Public Defender Services, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Julianne Wisman, Counsel, Division of Probation Services, Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Brenda Thompson, General Counsel, Policy Division, Public Defender Services, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Maynard, the committee recommended the bill for passage, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On Motion of Senator Maynard the committee adjourned.



Charles S. Trump
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Clerk/Analyst



The Senate of West Virginia

Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 19th day of February, 2021, in
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
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Dana Eddy

Print Witness Name

Beverly Douglas

Testimony Attested to by Committee
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Oath was administered by:

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